

Richard J. Halterman, Ph.D. Science Education

For 33 years, Dr. Halterman both instructed and inspired many hundreds of students in the Granite School District. In the 1950's, he taught Physics and Electronics at Olympus Junior High School, where he organized the first Electronics Club and the first Science Fair competitions. In 1964 he settled into Skyline High School, where he taught for the next 22 years - introducing the first classes in physiology and genetics, serving as chair of the Science department, supervising the student teaching program and judging science fairs around the state. Many former students took time to share their reflections, and probably the best commentary is an excerpt from one of those: "...Our enthusiasm, sparked by Dr. Halterman, instilled in each of us an excitement for learning, a zeal to know, and the confidence to challenge and to investigate. The dedicated and inspired efforts of Dr. Halterman changed us profoundly. I am certain he affected countless others in similar ways." The writer is the now retired Senior Manager of Sandia National Laboratories - and that says it all.